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Teachers in the computer department surprised data processing and computer management teacher Sandra Dzakovic during her first period class last Friday to congratulate her on receiving Canadian citizenship after 16 years in Canada. From left: Debra Gilmore, Mrs. Dzakovic who has been teaching at Niagara for eight years, Tom Honey, Gord Veinot and Debra Shepherdson. They burst into Mrs. Dzakovic's class with Canadian flags and proceeded to sing Oh Canada, along with the students in the class.

Photo by Tory Edwards

Pitman to outline future of colleges

Walter Pitman, whose examination of the quality of education in Ontario led to his recommendations for changes in the way Ontario colleges are run, will address the employees of Niagara College and the Board of Governors Dec. 17.

Mr. Pitman, director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Deucation, was invited to the college by faculty uion president Joan Hastings; support staff union president Meg Rose; and Doug Campbell, president of the administrative staff association.

Mr. Pitman, author of The Pitman Repot, will speak on the future of the college system in Ontario, including discusion of internal members on the Board of Governors and the formation of College Councils.

"We are looking forward to his visit," Mrs. Hastings said. "This is the first time the three unions have worked together in this way."

The Ministry of Colleges and Universites prepared guidelines for the establishment of College Councils and internal membership of the Board of Governors following recommendations make by Mr. Pitman last year.

"If his ideas are implemented in the ways in which he intended, it should democratize the upward flow of communication at Niagara College," Mrs. Hastings said.

"There is a lot of talent around Niagara College that can be tapped through this counicl," Mrs. Hastings said.

The event will take place on Dec.17 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a question and answer period will follow Mr. Pitman's speech. All college employees are asked to respond to their constituent group president before Dec.1.

Surging patriotism, French in demand

By PATRICIA GLEADALL
Staff Writer

A new surge of patriotism is showing in a rapid increase in the demand for bilingualism, Pauline Raby, French teacher here for the last three years, says.

"We are having a tough time keeping up with demands," she said in a recent interview. "More and more people are taking French as a second language because they feel it is a neglected part of their Canadian heritage. They are predominantly anglophones."

Mme. Raby comes form a French background and teaches the levels of French offered at the college to newcomers as well as a post-secondary students. Her position allows her to evaluate any sudden or rapid changes.

Application forms show the main is: "It's our country's second language and it's important for me to know it."

Some people are here to enhance, stabilize or secure their positions, she said. Students from tourism, government or journalism realize it is an advantage where a job is concerned. Some francophones who have lost their mother tongue want to get it back. They want to be able to return to Montreal and feel "comfortable" with their relatives.

Mme. Raby feels that as Canada's a bilingual country, it would be nice to have bilingual signs and street signs and French service for the French-speaking community. There are people who have difficulty expressing themselves in English, she said.

"In the past, anglophones didn't want anything to do with francophones or the French language, and now it's a complete about face," she said. "It has shot right up."

Before, the reason used to be: 1) my job requires it; 2) my children go to a French school and 3) a just-for-the-heck-of-it attitude.

Now, it is: 1) It's necessary for me becasue it is my country's second language; 2) My children are in a French school and I want to be able to talk with them; 3) I've lost my mother tongue and want it back; 4) It is becoming almost essential to have a working knowledge of both languages becasue French is spoken more often at social and political functions.

Commenting on the "voluntary upsurge," Mme. Raby reiteroted her surprise that the main reason for wanting the course is patriot issue.

BoG vote Jan.20

Elections will be held Jan. 20 for four internal members to the Board of Governors. Advance polls will be held Jan. 14.

There will be one member each from students, administrative staff, faculty and support staff.

Nominations will be Dec. 1 until Dec. 15; two seconders are needed for each candidate.

Representatives for the four groups were given the status of observers on the board just last spring, but at that time were appointed by others of their group.

Now they will be recognized as internal board members but will not have voting rights for the first two years.

Tuition increase 4.5%

Tuition fees at Ontario colleges and universities will increase at least 4.5 per cent next year, Lyn McLeod, minister of colleges and universities, said.

Such an increase would mean basic tuition fees at Niagara of about $648, instead of this year's $620, John Parrett, registrar, said.

The increase is "consistent" with the policy of the Ontario government over the past four or five years, a policy of keeping pace with inflation, he said.

The minister announced funding increases for colleges and universities of 4.5 per cent in the 1988-89 budget, with additional, smaller amounts for special programs, hiring additional teachers and to cover an expected five-percent increase in enrolment.

6 PER CENT TO COLLEGES

The overall increase for universities will amount to 6.7 per cent or $97.5 million, to a total of $1.5 billion; for colleges six per cent, or $37.3 million, to a total of $661 million.

Mrs. McLeod's announcement of provincial funding for post-secondary institutions was the first in a series by ministers that was followed by the general announcement of provincial transfer payments to colleges, universities, school boards, hospitals and municipalites made last Wednesday by Treasurer Robert Nixon.

Bob Rae, leader of the official opposition, the New Democrats, and Conservative education critic Cam Jackson objected that the announcement actually amounts to a decrease in basic funding.

"The basic appropriation...has to be higher than the rate of inflation," Mr. Rae said.

Edward Monahan, executive direcor of the Council of Ontario Universities, said in an interview the funding "is less than necessary to maintan what we were doing last year, and take care of increased enrolment this year."

Presents orchid show

The Niagara Region Orchid Society displayed "an Outstanding Exhibition of Orchids" at the Niagara College Horticulture Centre on Nov. 14 and 15.

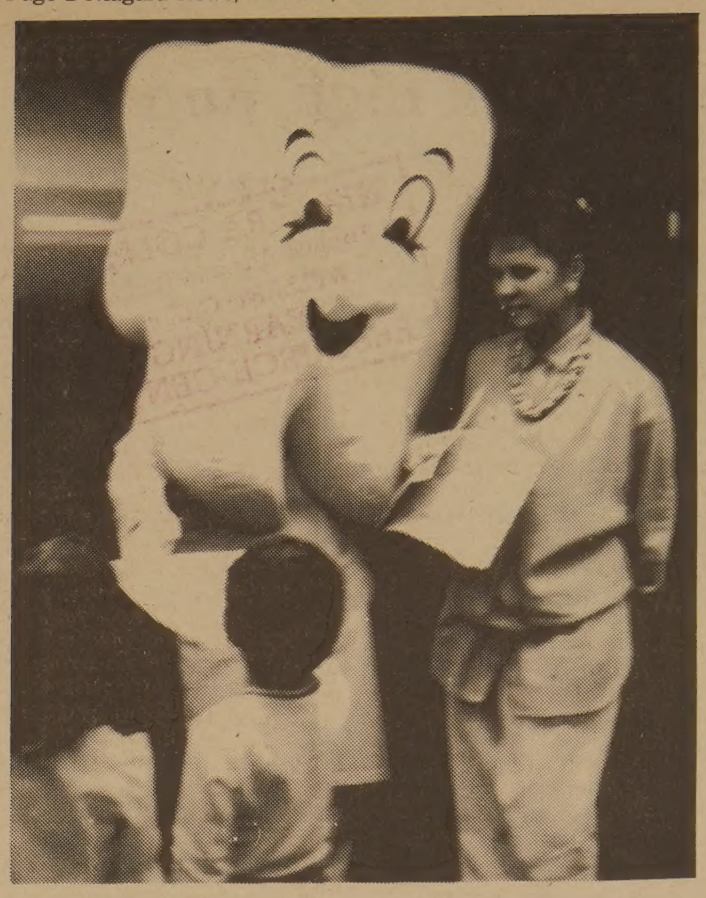
The Horticulture Centre donated the space for the show to the Orchid Society in exchange for orchids. Ralph Schoen of the Orchid Society said that because the exhibition is getting bigger each year they may have to move it elsewhere next year.

Hundreds of people visited the show where displays came from as far as North Bay and Michigan. Some of the orchids were valued at $200 each.

Smoke

The smoking committee will submit a proposal to the Board of Governors once the results of two surveys have been analysed, Hans van der Slagt said last Thursday.

The results are back from the computer centre and are waiting to be analysed.



Murphy the Molar and Carol Burnham, of the dental program, hand out teeth care instructions to children at the college's day care centre. Photo by Brian McLaughlin

Murphy helps teach kids about molars

Children in the college's day care centre were visited by special friends Nov. 13 when two dental hygiene students decided to teach the children about proper dental hygiene.

Carol Burnham and Karen Halinda, with Murphy the Molar, visited the children as project for the dental program.

During the visit the children sat in a circle taking part in a discussion-instruction process about proper teeth care. The session involved such things as when to brush, how to brush, as well as what food groups are both good and bad for teeth.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Carol said the project was part of their community service work. She said the children seemed to know about keeping their teeth clean. Two bags with pictures of Murphy the Molar were designed as a game to see if the children understood what they were discussing, she said.

Karen and Carol will be evaluated on this. Prior to the exercise hygiene instructors submitted evaluation forms to the day care instructors to assess the students' performance.

Barbara McLean, day care instructor, said she thought the exercise was "really good." She thinks the children like the special visitors. She said the atmosphere of having visitors come to the centre to see the children makes it easier for them to get involved.

After the discussions had finished the children had a chance to play a game of placing pictures (cardboard caricatures) of either good or bad food groups in one of two bags: one with a smiling face of Murphy to signify a proper food group, the other with a sad face for foods not good for teeth. All the children enthusiastically took part in the exercise. Following that they lined up and received diagrams from Murphy on how to properly care for their teeth.

Four-year-old Tylor, the most outspoken of the group, said he brushes his teeth "five times" a day. He said he likes to brush them up and down. Five-year-old Natalie said she likes to brush "before I go to bed and when I go to school."

Mackenzie estimates

Estimates for air conditioning in the Mackenzie Building have just been received and they are about $500,000 although they could possibly run as high as $800,000, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

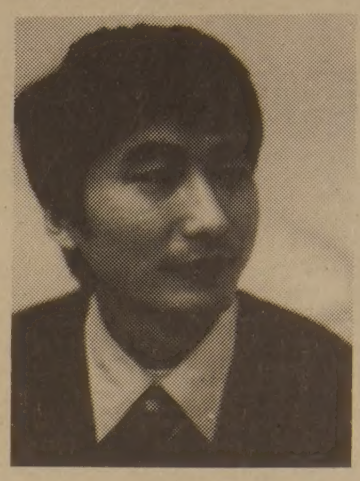
The college will submit a request to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities under the capital needs fund. "There is no guarantee it will be funded in 1988," she said.

Last August the faculty and support staff unions complained about lack of air conditioning in the building.

There is air conditioning in the outer offices but not in all the classrooms, she said.

Instructor from China shadows dean to learn management

By CINDY LOGAN
Staff Writer



Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, has gained a new "shadow" in the form of Tang Yan from Changsha University in China. Mr. Tang is here to learn the practical side of college management, Mr. van der Slagt said last Thursday.

Mr. Tang, an instructor from Changsha in the Province of Hunan, holds a degree in British and American Language and Literature. He is a teacher in foreign languages and the tour guide program for English tours in China. Mr. Tang is interested in a number of Niagara's programs — particularly, tourism, Mr. van der Slagt said. He will be at Niagara for the next six months.

"What he's going to do while he's here with us is be my shadow," Mr. van der Slagt said. "He is here to try and learn as much as he can about my job, the chairmen's jobs, as well as the kind of things that the co-ordinators and teaching masters do."

"After I return to China, I will do some administrative work," Mr. Tang said.

TO HIS STUDENTS

He will take the knowledge he gains here back to the university and pass it on to his students. "Some of the students work in business fields, some of them will do secretarial work and I will be able to teach them the skills I have learned here."

This is the first time abroad for the 31-year-old teacher. "It's very new to me," he said. "In China all I knew of the west was from reports and newspapers. When I came to the reality of the western countries, things were a bit different."

"Everyone is very efficient here. In China the big problem is over-staffing. Many people have nothing to do, just sitting there looking at newspapers, but here everybody is very efficient. They know what to do. They know their responsibilities."

He is impressed that the chairman and co-ordinators contact each other frequently and they know what is going on in each area. "I must report on what I have learned here."

THEORY AND PRACTICE

Mr. Tang is here to do a number of things, Mr. van der Slagt said. He is interested in educational theory, the practical side of academic management in a college and in several programs offered at Niagara. Next term he hopes to take courses related to his teaching.

Mr. Tang has been teaching for three years. When he first graduated from university, he was assigned to work in a factory where his work included translations.

"I'm enjoying my stay here, but would like to start some courses about educational management," Mr. Tang said. "I like to work with co-ordinators, faculty and the dean so I can learn how to operate the whole of the school, what their responsibilities are, how they make contacts and how to get feedback."

"I attended an advisory meeting, it's all very new to me," he said. "The committee invited some officers from the (tourism) industry and some teachers to discuss curriculum planning. We discussed how to make programs more suitable to society and the needs of industry.

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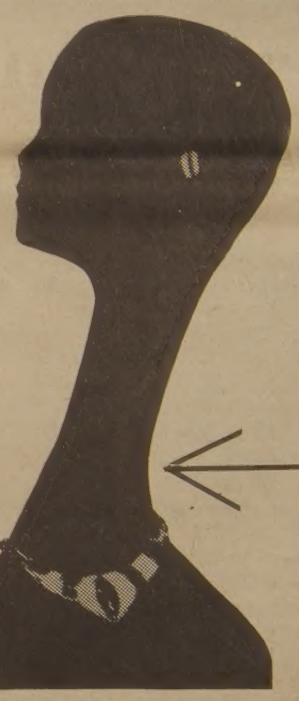

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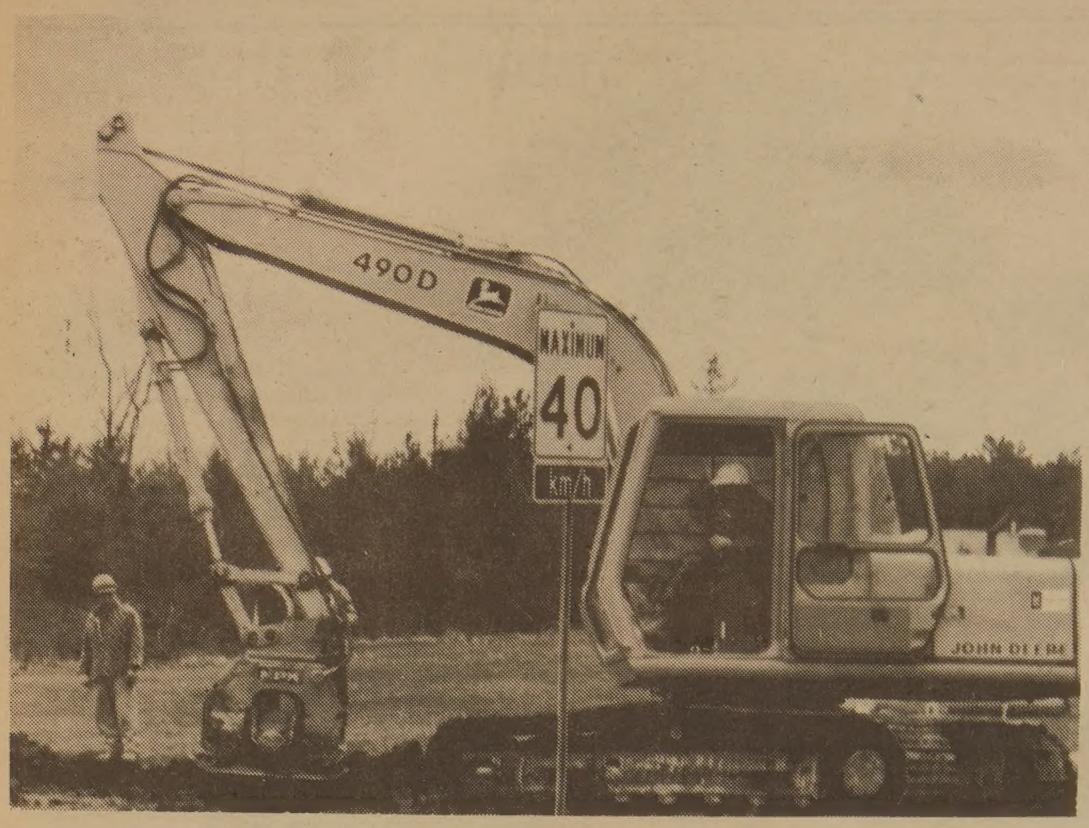

The recent appearance of construction equipment north of the college may suggest further residential development in the near future.
Photo by Brian McLaughlin

Development around college may continue in future

Yes! Times are changing around the old college. You only need look to the northwest off First Avenue and spot the "crunching" and "squeaking" of construction equipment, which may indicate new residential development.

Tom Villella, planning technician for Welland, said the proposed development of College Park Estates has been registered with the city since 1974. The owner of the property is Frank Silvestri.

Mr. Villella said the city has not heard from the developer as to whether any development is going to proceed in the near future, but they (developer) have until September 1988, when the registration of the plan lapses. The plan may be reregistered.

He said the original plan was for a mix of semi-detached and single family units, but the developer has come back for a change in zoning to single family units. He assumes this is because of a change in the market place.

Originally, the area around the college was part of Thorold Township, but in the early 1960s the city was expanded north from Thorold Road to Woodlawn Road. It was in the late 1960s that development started.

In the 1970s the Region of Niagara was formed and the city boundary changed again. He said now the boundary extends past Quaker Road.

Since the 1970s the city has seen the establishment of Treelawn Parkway subdivision east of the college, and Bridlewood subdivision west of the college.

It is a "unique situation" north of the college because it will leave an open space corridor between Welland and Pelham. this is an area set out by the Region of Niagara in which minimal development can occur. The reason is to ensure distinction in separation between Welland and Pelham.

The change in the market is because factors have changed over the years, Mr. Villella said. In the 1970s the provincial trend of the population increase caused a development increase. "Now more people are on the market to purchase new homes."

A large workforce in Welland, many of whom are from Pelham and Thorold, may be another factor behind the development boom.

"No other major development will be occurring in the area," he said. What is occurring in the northwest area is because it is the area available.

Students high hopes reflected in survey

Sixty per cent of students perceive themselves as performing above a 65 per cent grade point average this term, according to a survey conducted by the marketing students.

First-year marketing students conducted the "high confidence study," Robert Young, marketing teacher, said.

"They did the interviews and compiled the research. It was an exercise to give them hands-on experience in marketing research techniques.

Technology students find their program the most challenging and applied arts students found some of their subjects the least challenging, the survey said.

"This is not to mean that the applied arts programs themselves are not challenging," he said.

Fifty-eight per cent of the students have part-time jobs, and those who have jobs tend to be more regular in classroom attendance and study.

Health science students are the most regular in classroom and technology students are more casual about this. Seventy-two per cent of students do not believe in mandatory attendance.

This study is fairly accurate - 250 students were surveyed. They tried to say something about all the schools, Mr. Young said.

The students found 90 per cent of other students friendly and 72 per cent of the staff.

First and third—term students were surveyed in mid—October over a four day period.

"It's nice to know that students think highly of the college," he said. "It tells the school of business that the faculty are doing something right."

Few Tacky Tourists, no prize awarded

Lack of communication between the Aqua Duck and the Student Administrative Council is the reason a prize for the tackiest tourist at the Tacky Tourist pub Nov. 18 was not awarded, Kirk MacDonald, vice president of athletics, said.

Julie Boone, a class representative, told SAC members at their Nov.23 meeting that she blames them. She told them she had told her class it was a theme pub and urged everyone to dress up because there was a $50 prize for the tackiest tourist. "The class is very disappointed," Julie said.

"I only saw three or four people dressed up," Kirk said, so SAC members and Aqua Duck management decided that was not enough to warrant a contest. Glasses were supposed to be given out to the people who dressed up, but this never happened.

"What's the use of having a theme if no one dresses up? Joe Caverson, school of technology representative, asked at the meeting.

There was a draw for a trip for two to the New Year's Eve party in Montreal which was won by Rick Votana, a technology student.

SAC members discussed the possibility of finding the people and giving them the prizes but decided against it. "We can't do it a week later," Barb Morrison, vice president of external affairs, said.

"We'll know better for next time," Kirk added.

Area newspapers profile successful graduates

This past week was designated "College Week" in Canada. A tour of Niagara for the public was planned for yesterday.

Newspaper ads in the St. Catharines Standard, the Welland Tribune, and the Niagara Falls Review on Nov. 25, 26, and 27 profiled three successful graduates from Niagara College.

Odette Yzazbeck who graduated from the Theatre Centre in 1985 is working at the Shaw Festival as a media relations assistant.

Mike Guzda graduated in 1985 from marketing management and is now the co-owner of Unlimited Sight and Sound.

Henry Peters graduated in 1977 from the chemical engineering program and is now the Superintendent of the de-inking process at the Ontario Paper Company in Thorold. The ads also ran twice in the Welland Guardian Express. Radio ads ran on the local stations.

Electronic messages, $5

Personal messages may be placed on the electronic sign located just outside the Student Administrative Office for $5 a message.

There will a limit of five messages per day and they will be placed on the sign on a first come, first serve basis.

Greetings may include birthdays or anniversary wishes and other messages are at the discretion of Donna Flutur, SAC office manager.

Money raised from the sign will be put back into the council funds.

Staff and architect visit hospitality centres

Richard Baker, architect, and several Niagara staff members visited other community colleges that recently completed hospitality centres of their own last week, Hans van der Slagt, dean of business, said.

Georgian College in Barrie and George Brown in Toronto have just completed building hospitality/tourism centres similar to the one Niagara College will be doing in the next year.

"We were able to see how they did the centres and were able to learn from them about some of the things they have done that we would like to do and perhaps some things they have done that we would like to avoid," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Mr. Baker of Flemming-Baker, the architect chosen to build the new centre in Niagara Falls, has had two formal meeting with staff and another is planned for this week, Mr. van der Slagt said.

STAFF CONTRIBUTED

The staff has given Mr. Baker "a lot of input in terms of specialist teaching space."

The hospitality centre at Georgian College is about the same size as the one planned in Niagara Falls whereas, the one in Toronto at George Brown is about twice the size.

Niagara was given $6 million last summer to build the centre on the college's Dunn Street property in Niagara Falls. Programs that will be brought together under one roof are hotel and restaurant administration; two tourism programs, English and bilingual; cook apprentice, both advanced and basic; and two food preparation programs.

Mr. Baker is busy meeting with staff and kitchen consultants. "He'll be putting together some preliminary drawing for us to look at in the next couple of weeks," Mr. van der Slagt said. "We're still working on a September '89 opening date."

The design includes drawing up specifications and the working drawings contractors will need to bid on the job. "It's a lot of detail work," he said. "It will take us through the winter."

"We have received quite a detailed project schedule from Mr. Baker," Mr. van der Slagt said.

Working drawings for contractors are to be started in mid-January and completed in early May. Tenders from contractors will be called about the middle of May and construction should begin in early July.

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Editorials

End of term pressure

It's close to the end of the term and everybody's starting to feel the pressure of upcoming final exams. Some of us are making a last grasp at improving marks while others are content to wander the halls like social butterflies greeting friends and discussing vitally important issues with bored acquaintances who listen intently for at least 30 seconds.

But, who can blame them? After all we've heard the mindless chatter about hockey scores, the latest hairstyles, lousy cafeteria food and parking problems before.

Is anybody out there concerned about nuclear disarmament, abortion, free trade, declining morality, pay equity for women, the high divorce rate, the alarming amount of child abuse, a threatening enemy taking over the world? Anything!

Well, I guess that's asking for too much; this is only college. Anyway, who wants to discuss serious issues, let's leave those to the activists and politicians.

Let's not worry about the state of the economy, the crime rate, pollution, war criminals still living in Canada or the increasing price of real estate.

The important issues can wait; right now I need to study.

Margaret Bartlett

The end of the day brings quiet reflection as billowing clouds cover a country road in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The peaceful countryside remains unaware of winter's imminent descent, and only the crisp night air indicates that fall will once again be replaced with a cold, Canadian winter. As dusk falls, the countryside prepares itself for another night's rest.
Photo by Elizabeth Finley

Government careers excellent choice

Job opportunities are excellent with the Ontario government, two provincial government representatives told about 55 secretarial arts and bilingual secretary students in the Secord Room on Nov. 17.

The topic Planning Your Career with regards to bilingual and unilingual secretarial jobs with the provincial government was presented by the co-ordinator and assistant co-ordinator, Robert Bourassa and Aline Desjardins respectively, of French Language Services with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations. They also represent the newly created Ministry of Financial Institutions.

"Employment opportunities are quite good." "About 80 jobs are advertised every week from the government of Ontario," Mrs. Defardins said.

She said out of the 80, 39 are secretarial, clerical and word processing jobs mostly in the Toronto area because there are more government offices there. Although it might involve moving away, she encouraged students to think about it.

GOOD START

"It is certainly a good place to start. It is different atmosphere working for the government; you're expected to move on to bigger and higher things if you do well."

For bilingual students, she said there are lots of jobs in the Toronto area, but they are looking for uniligual and bilingual persons, and students can refer to Topical and Job Mart, two government services covered by the act in French in designated areas throughout the province.

"Your assistance and skills are needed if we are to succeed," he said.

BOTH LANGUAGES

He said eventually all government forms will be provided in French and English, and anyone who writes to the government in French will receive a response in the same language. All government commmunication which includes news releases, advertising, and audiovisual material will eventually be available in French.

"Hiring procedures will measure proficiency in French and interviews will be in French and English. We will look at work processing, typing and dictation skills developed in French."

Workers are made promotable by assessing their skills once a year to find ways to increase their skills, and any upgrading courses are paid for by the government. The possibilities are endless if a person initially works hard to succeed.

After the lecture, Mr. Bourassa said he is in the middle of hiring young, skilled people to get some new blood in the civil service; and being an equal opportunity employer, they hire staff to cover all areas.

Letters

Thankyou, LASA students Blood Donor Clinic

Dear Editor:

I would like to say a big "thankyou" to all of the students in section four of the LASA program. They did a great job promoting the blood donor clinic by distributing flyers, hanging up posters and handing out pamphlets.

The "Corpsuckle Cuties" - Carl Renshaw, Alex Shaw, Chris Walton and Chris Pero along with Dracula, Maureen Moore — helped to boost the morale of anxious donors. Special mention should go to their makeup artists — Anna-Marie Tullo and Tracey Stairs.

Walter Cerretti and John Versteeg, along with their team (Kathy Dickson and Tracy McCrum) distributed over 1,000 flyers to all the cars in the parking lots.

Many thanks to all of you,
Jan Potton.
Psychology Instructor

Caption disappointing embarrasses Bruna

Dear Editor:

I am disappointed in the caption under the photograph of me in the last edition of the Niagara News. The picture and story had to do with the new signs at the college.

The caption made me, a 10-year employee of the college, look completely foolish, saying I was trying to find my way around the Welland Campus. Part of my responsibilities is to make arrangements for seminars which are held here for my division, and if I don't know my way about the campus then I don't think anyone would.

I was helping out the photorapher in consenting to be photgraphed, and I was not told it would be used in the newspaper, particularly in such an embarrassing way.

You may be sure I will be very careful in the future as to how I assist people "on assignment."

Yours Truly,
Bruna Buonocore
Secretary
Creative Arts and
and Human Serivces.

Ed's Note: The Niagara News regrets the embarrassment to Mrs. Buonocore.

Tourist Pub

Dear Editor:
Re: Tacky Tourist Pub

On behalf of the Student Council Executives, we would like to take this opportunity to publicly apologize to the students who took the time and effort to go along with our theme and dress accordingly.

Due to the lack of participation by the majority of students attending this pub and the lack of communication amongst the organizers, a decision was made not to award the prize as originally planned.

Once again, we apologize to the students concerned and in the future if a theme pub is held and prizes are advertised we will ensure that they will be given out.

Darryl Nadeau, President
Student Administrative Council
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Santa coming visiting cafeteria

Santa is coming early to Niagara College this year. Santa will be visiting the main cafeteria Dec. 10 and 15 during lunch to pose for pictures for a fee of $2. Santa will be accompanied by two of his elves.

Focus

The Gift Of Friendship

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

Imagine a boy. Not just any boy, but a boy with chestnut-brown hair, sky-blue eyes, an imagination that could utterly confuse you, and most of all a heart! It's a Sunday afternoon and all his friends are home spending the time with their dads, however he alone.

As he sits with a forlorn look upon his face, he thinks, "Why was I born? There can be no purpose for me if my father left me." He fails to understand that his father loves him, and a man's weakness is only human as well.

Now imagine 100 or so boys like that in this community. Why should the faces of innocence carry such a burden? Each of those lives is a gift! On Dec. 13 while you're thinking about flicking on the "tube", after you've just awoken in mid-afternoon, envisage these boys. If you are like me and you've ever wondered if you can make a difference, I invite you to act on your emotions!

Students at the college can make a difference. Often one of the biggest problems for these boys is not beng able to get a ride to events. Offering a drive on an empty afternoon could help greatly. But first, students would have to undergo a minor screening procedure.

Carolyn Stace-McParlan, case worker at Big Brothers in Welland, said the local branch of the national organization will be holding a Christmas swim party on Dec. 13 at the YMCA, followed by a pizza party. It will add a "little life" having younger adults present.

Mrs. Stacey-Parlon said many of these boys do not have a man around all the time, so they tend to aquire a clouded view of life thinking that maybe all men are alcoholics, abusers, or fathers who do not care. By meeting other adults the kids 'learn to trust again" and learn that adults are human also.

When an outsider takes an interest, "All of a sudden the children seem to be worth more." Just having someone around for the day makes the kids feel they have someone of their very own.

It is not only the children who gain self-confidence. She gave an example of one big brother who gained immensely from the relationship. He had very little self-confidence, but establishing a relationship with someone younger helped build up his own.

She feels a lot of men hesitate about joining the relationship because they fear they have live up to some "Rambo" image. But, as a big brother, they just have to be themselves. Often attachments form right away.

Very often the mother of a child does not have the time to take on two roles, she said. The mere fact that someone can take the boy for a walk and talk gives the mother a break from a lot of stress.

Participation does not have to stop at this event either, she said. On Jan. 17 Big Brothers will be holding a billiard tournament at the Seaway Mall billiard hall. "We sort of split them up..it's more fun time than anything else.

They could use more big brothers, she said, and are looking for alternative forms of big brothers because there are not enough. On their waiting list they have boys ranging in age from six to 14.

On Big Brothers

She said anybody interested in participating in either the single-day event, future events, or establishing a relationship as a big brother can contact her at 735-0570.

The Christmas swim will be on Sunday, Dec.13, between 5:30 and 6:30 at the Welland YMCA, East Main Street, to be followed by a pizza party from 6:30 to 7:30. "Bring them trunks," she said.

Students Display Work

The work of students in Niagara's College Vocational program will be on display for the program's first Open House on Dec. 2. The gathering will give other students and faculty an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the program, and those involved in it.

"They're just like flowers blossoming," Harriet Davidson, who is co-ordinating the program, said of the progress made by the students so far this term.

The work on display will be devoted to classroom exercises and activities throughout the college.

Any faculty members who may require department help two mornings a week starting next term are encouraged to attend the Open House.

Students Come Home Winners

Niagara College was done proud by three marketing students when they came home winners from the Ontario College Marketing Competition in London Nov. 12 and 13.

Michele Brownrigg placed third in sales presentation while Tony Spiteri and his partner, Natalie Colautto, were also third in the human relations case study category.

"It allowed us to put our education to practical use," Tony said. "It gave us a feel of the competition out in the real world."

Fanshawe College was the host of this annual event which involved six other colleges besides itself and Niagara. Mohawk, Seneca, St. Lawrence, St. Clair, Lambton and Durham Colleges also sent well trained teams to the Lamplighter Inn where it was held.

"We got to see the direct competition that the other schools offer," Michele said. "We saw who our competition for jobs would be."

15 COMPETED

Fifteen students from Niagara competed in events including a quiz bowl, personnel problem solving, marketing case study, math, sales and executive job interviews.

"Other schools had to compete within their college to get into the competition whereas our school is so small we didn't," Natalie said.

The students had to pay for the entire trip themselves with the exception of half of the entrance fee. They began practising two weeks before and were coached by their instructors, Dave Taylor and Anne Wylie.

The students felt the trip enabled them to know one another much better and they learned to respect and relate to others who may be a lot different from themselves.

IEEE students: technology of the future

By JULIE DEBRUIN
Staff Writer

Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and Samuel Morse are remembered not only for their own inventions, but also as forefathers of today's amazing world of technological advancements.

Without this technology, man would never have walked on the moon, seen what was happening on the other side of the world as it happened, have had X-ray machines, microwave ovens or digital watches. All these things which seem commonplace in today's society were nothing more than ideas and dreams just 100 years ago.

Inventions

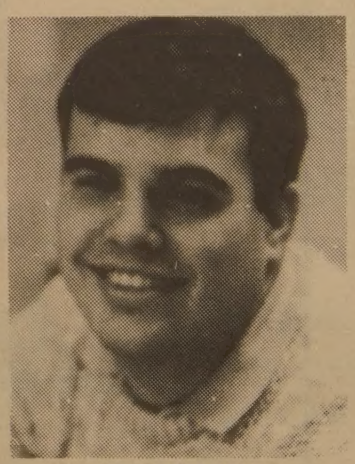
The 1980s are being run by technological inventions. They are found in assembly lines, corporations, banks, schools and homes.

Students at Niagara College are also contributing to present and future technology through an organization called the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers — IEEE.

Its president, John Raso, 23, a computer engineering technology student, explained that the group is a student branch of the international organization. Members from all over the world including China, Australia, West Germany and India meet about every two years to discuss engineering breakthroughs and new concepts and ideas. "Membership runs into the millions," Wayne McCreadie, a college faculty member and senior IEEE member, said.

The institute was formed in 1884 when a group of professionals joined together "to ensure engineering concepts reached a certain standard," John said. They named themselves the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. In 1912, another group formed to monitor radio advancements. They became the Institue of Radio Engineers. These two groups merged in 1963 and renamed themselves the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Niagara's IEEE added about 35 new members this year, John said. They paid a $17 fee which gives access to their resource centre in L 12. This includes research



JOHN RASO

material in the form of texts and magazines, equipment that is used to test projects and peer tutoring.

The purpose of the Niagara College branch is to help members in whatever way we can," John said. "They receive a subscription to Spectrum, a technology magazine and discounts on computer disks and a power supply kit — something all first year technology students must purchase."

The college lends them the money to purchase these items and is reimbursed when they are sold. The IEEE makes about a six per cent profit on the sales, John said.

This money goes toward Tech Night, an evening in which four or five graduating IEEE members present the projects they have designed and built during their last year of college. Many industry people attend allowing students the chance to obtain important contacts in their field.

IEEE students throughout Canada compete for the Palin Memorial award, which is strictly for colleges, Mr. McCreadie said. Winning students are given life time memberships; professional members pay $100 a year.

Informal

John said Niagara's IEEE setup is quite informal with the executive — voted in by its members — meeting about once a month. Other members are: vice president, Chris Neron; treasurer, Mike Dardarian; secretary, Doug Mahon and McNaughton president (in charge of the resource centre), Mike Horare.

The money, needed for trips and resource centre supplies, is granted by their Hamilton headquarters. They do not receive any funding from the Student Administratve Council like other college clubs, John said. He stressed that IEEE is not considered a club by its members.

The resource centre is usually open from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., John said. He is usually there until 11 doing homework or IEEE paperwork.

When student IEEE members graduate from college or university, they become members at the professional level, John said. The university graduates become engineers while the college graduates become technicians or technologists.

Technology is advancing at such a rapid pace today that what seemed like wishful thinking a few years ago can now be a serious possibility.

The question now is — how far can we go? The answer seems to be quite clear — as far as we can dream, and beyond.

Larry acts the 'ham' in a 'cut-throat business'

By ELIZABETH FINLEY
Staff Writer

Larry Smith knows all the 'best' restaurants in Welland. He knows where the draft is cheap, the music is old and the Joe Louises are kept under glass. The places where instantaneity is not a substitute for time and effort. The places that have, above anything else, character.

"I don't like a lot of the new stuff," Larry says. "They can churn it out instead of taking the time to make it different. I think a new restaurant would be nice — this cheeseburger is terrible."

Lawrence Victor Smith was born in Hamilton in 1966. Raised in the steel town, Larry grew up in a family home surrounded by Dofasco steel plant. The experience provided him with an appreciation for the city and those people struggling to survive with it.

His upbringing also provided him with an outlet for his artistic talents. Awkward and skinny as a child, he began using comedy as a means for acceptance. By the time he was nine, Larry knew where it was he wanted to be — on the stage.

"I'm a ham. I like to be the centre of attention. So I jump up and do my stuff and get paid for it — which is nice."

A professional comedian since 18, Larry has performed in clubs across Canada. The label "comedian," however, is one for which he exhibits both pride and contempt.

"I hate it when people say: 'Hi. This is Larry. He's a comedian.' I say 'Just introduce me as Larry Smith. Let them find out who I am.' "

Playwright

Exactly who Larry Smith is encompasses many considerations. Enrolled in year one of the two year technical program at the Niagara College Theatre Centre, he has many credentials — actor, director, playwright and artist.

Larry began "performing" as a child by doing voice impersonations of such notables as Donald Duck. Today, his list of impressions includes politicians, celebrities, and old movie stars, including an award-winning impersonation of James Dean. His choices reflect his high regard for nostalgia and the people and places of yesteryear.

An admirer of many of the great writers and comedians of the past (including Dashiell Hammett, author of the The Thin Man (1934) and the Maltese Falcon (1930)), Larry draws on experiences in his own life for his comedy routine.

"On stage you have to be a caricature of yourself. You have to be like Bill Cosby or Robin Williams."

Billed as 'The Angry Young Man In a Sweater,' Larry focuses his jokes around his family, his awkward childhood and his relationships with girls, subjects he believes anyone can relate to.

"Everyone goes through that stuff. Everyone gets dumped."

Despite his accomplishments within the "cut-throat business," Larry sees success being a combination of both personal and professional achievement.

"Success to me is is never being broke, having lots of good friends, being able to give your family what it wants, and being happy doing it... Comedy will take care of itself. If it's meant to happen, it'll happen."

A graduate of the Delta Secondary School in Hamilton, Larry worked for two years as a shoe store manager before deciding that he wasn't suited for the treadmill of nine to five. It was during that time that he directed his first literary composition, Zoo Keepers.

The play, a romantic comedy about a summer romance, ran twice in 1987 at the Sears Drama Festival and the Galt Canadian Festival for One-Act Plays. The production picked up six awards, including award for the best script.

Writing enables Larry to leave something of himself behind, unlike comedy, from which comedians come and go.

"Unless you're a master comedian, it will be forgotten. If you write something, it will always be on a shelf somewhere."

He is currently working on his second script, Ushers, the story of five young men who gather in a diner for a game of poker shortly before one is to be married. Throughout the game, they realize that they're growing apart.

While attending the Theatre Centre, Larry has been able to make some special friends of his own. All share a common goal: to be active and supportive within Canadian theatre.

Graduate

"Canadian theatre is on the verge of becoming something on its own," Larry said. "It's coming into its own right."

As for what Larry contributes to the Theatre Centre ("I bring in Prem and HP sandwhiches a lot!"), he feels that responsibility is up to him.

Larry hopes to graduate with the capability to understand all aspects of theatre. An actor since age 13, and an artist whose posters and murals line the walls of two of Welland's nightclubs, he is unsure of what direction his life will take after graduation, but he is eager to find out.

LARRY SMITH

'Comedian'

Just don't refer to Larry Smith as 'the comedian.' He's just an easy-going guy who wants to be accepted "for me." Unless, of course, the situation warrants.

"Now, if the conversation gets boring, you can say: 'Hey, this is Larry. He does comedy!' "

Restaurant hopping with Larry comprises a trip to three different establishments. The last one visited is a greasy diner called Johnny's. It is Larry's favorite. With brown vinyl booths and a stool-lined counter, it is the place you might expect to find James Dean hunched over a cup of coffee, or a group of guys huddled in a corner booth and playing what may well be a final game of poker.

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Focus of photographer: fun over 9 to 5 any time

By WENDY KUDEBA
Staff Writer

The click of a camera shutter and the chance to be perfectly dressed in front of the bright lights at a fashion shoot seems very glamorous. Rarely, however, does anyone take a look behind the scenes.

It is 5:30. Everyone involved with the evening's shoot is meeting at a restaurant and photographer Kevin Hotte is pacing slowly back and forth.

"I'm too keyed up to sit still; ideas have been running through my head all day," he explains to his model and fashion co-ordinator Elizabeth Robbins. Also present is freelance writer Linda M. Roy who will write the article for this shoot.

They are going over ideas on how to pose the models and rehashing what clothes they will be wearing. The models — Carlene Conlon, 16; Carla Smith, 21, and Laura Stewart, 15 — are dressing at a small shop next door and getting their make-up and hair done. Out of Exile, a vintage clothing store, is supplying them with clothing from the 1940s up.

"It (the fashion shoot) is a joint effort of freelancers for personal exposure," Kevin says.

"I'm not really looking for fame and fortune, though."

At a small park in St. Catharines, the first of the pictures is to be taken. On Kevin's insistence, the models sit in cars since the wind is howling and the temperature is near freezing. The conditions are posing a problem as the wind blows down lights and the cold is turning his fingers numb.

"Okay, let's get this done quickly. We'll only do one outfit out here, it's too cold for everyone, especially the girls," he says. He shows the models where he wants them to stand or lean on the gray boulders lining the park's walkway.

He works around the conditions carefully and quickly, always thinking of the models' well-being; after all, they are what makes his work come alive. The models choose not to take a break because the harsh lights and flash bulbs keep them warm.

"I like working in different locations instead of the studio; the different enviroments are a personal test of myself."

"The models are usually local girls. They are used at the magazine where Kevin and I work and for freelance jobs," Ms. Robbins says. "There was a contest 1½ years ago and we set up a model portfolio."

Photographer Kevin Hotte peers over his camera ready to capture the beauty and poise of the young and ambitious models. His job may be interesting, but it's not all glamor and excitement.

KEVIN HOTTE

Kevin has worked for the magazine What's Up Niagara for the past 2½ years. He also owns a studio where he does all types of photography. "The magazine got me into fashion photography and brought me out of my shell," he says.

"Sometimes there are spells where I can't think of ideas, but you can't let that get to you. Sometimes the locale is bad or there are too many people around, and that's not condusive to creativity."

Kevin has to get the photos just right. Ultimately, the success or failure of all involved relies on his photos which will be sent to major North American magazines in hopes of being published. The burden of that lies on his shoulders; yet often, the photographer gets little recognition.

Not only will the pictures benefit Kevin, but they could help the models if their faces do get posted in national magazines. "It's just a lot of fun," said Laura who is from Fenwick. The other two models are from St. Catharines.

"It's partly because of the glamour; after all, I do get to work with beautiful women," Kevin said. "I live and breathe photography; my life revolves around my business."

Kevin tries to get the models looking and posing in the most artistic and eye-appealing way. He must also try to come up with something unique, something new, so magazines will be encouraged to print his photographs.

"The main thing is for everybody to have fun," he said. "If not, nothing was really worth it. Because of that fun, I could never go back to a 9 to 5 job."

Kevin applied to a graphic arts program at Niagara College in 1977, but by chance, ended up taking a course for an audiovisual technician where he was first introduced into 35mm photography. "I caught on quickly and worked at local papers giving me much needed experience. I was then hired at What's Up Niagara. No matter how big my career gets, I owe it to John Storm, the editor," Kevin said.

At the end of the shoot, there seems to be a letdown of sorts. About midnight, the models slowly drift home; they have work and school tomorrow.

Kevin's job is not over. He must go home and make up contact sheets and prints for everybody involved and the all important one for magazines.

"My main goal aside from the financial aspect, is to keep learning, be the best that I can and right now, I have a long way to go," Kevin said.

SAC trips to Fla.

Tickets for the March Break trip to Acapulco have all been sold but there is still room on the trip to Florida and a ski trip at Mont Ste.-Anne in Quebec for all the same week, the Student Administrative Council said.

A New Year's Eve bash in Montreal and a three-day visit to Quebec City to take part in the Quebec Winter Carnival Feb. 4-7 has also been arranged.

For information and bookings, contact Donna Flutur, office manager in the SAC office.

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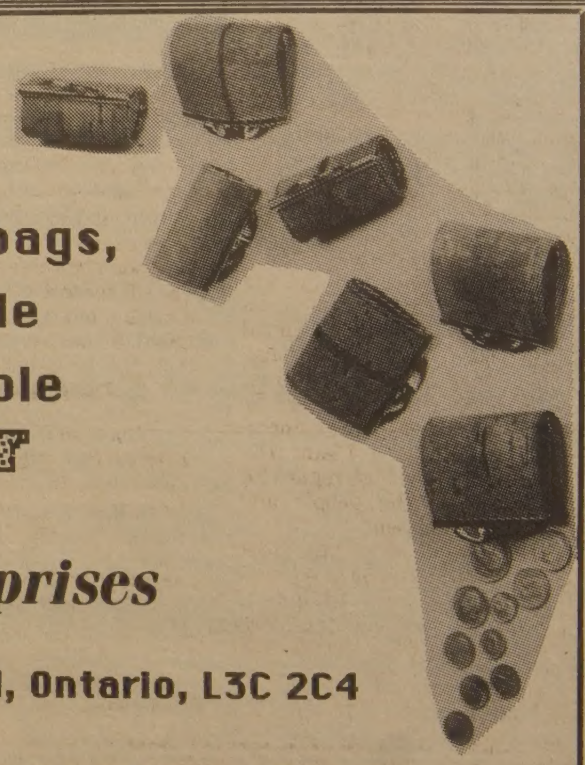

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Entertainment

Co-ordinator plays Scrooge, a role close to his heart

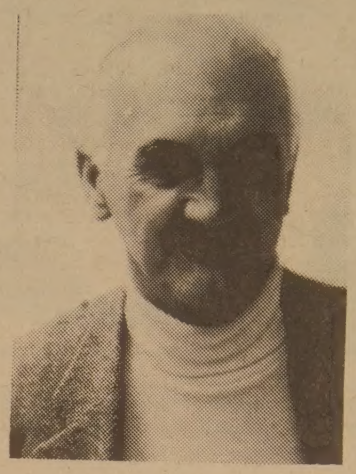
When Tom Strawford takes the stage in the Theatre Centre's production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, he will be creating a role close to his heart.

"It's one of the roles I've always wanted," Mr. Strawford said.

Mr. Strawford, co-ordinator of the chemical engineering program at Niagara, is .portraying Ebenezer Scrooge in the Dickens classic, adapted by Duncan McGregor.

A "part-time" actor in the community Mr. Strawford said he is looking forward to working with staff and students at the Theatre Centre and being part of one of Dickens' best loved tales.

"It's going very well," he said."We've got some really good people working there and I think it will be a very enjoyable show. Basically, it's a fairy tale, and a very nice one."



TOM STRAWFORD

The role of Tiny Tim is being portrayed by another community actor from St.Catharines, Ryan Boggs.

Mr. Strawford's 28-year acting career includes work with both The Shaw Festival and Press Theatre.

Tickets are still available for the performance at the Brock University Playhouse which will run from Dec. 15 to Dec. 18. Prices are $3.50 for matinees and $4.50 and $3.50 for evening shows. The Theatre Centre performances are sold out.

Ottawa revisted

Fifty first-year students went to Ottawa on Wednesday, with high hopes of meeting Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. They went on a Canadian Studies Bus Tour.

The group will tour Ottawa, meet local members of parliament and, perhaps, Brian Mulroney or the deputy prime minister, Eugene Maltais, political science teacher, said.

"It's very educational," he said. "The students are very enthusiastic; they are looking for a bang-up trip."

This the the 12th year for the trip which is completly student-funded. "We receive no kind of subsidies from the college."

They will sit in the House of Commons for question period, visit the War Museum, the National Gallery, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Mint and Laurier House.

Five students will attend a performance of Learning to Live with Personal Growth by Arthur Milner at the Great Canadian Theatre.

Grant Stuart, a first-year law and security administration student, was chosen as the student leader; he will make presentations and thank you speeches.

The group will stay at the Auberge Le Marquis in the centre of Hull.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime never-to-be-forgotten bus tour," Mr. Maltais said in an announcement about the trip.

AIDS seminar foils myths

Allan Spencer, of the Niagara Regional Health Department, will speak to an AIDS seminar Dec. 3 at 12:10 in the Hamilton Room.

An AIDS seminar held Nov. 3 to a packed audience focused on the fears, anxieties and myths of AIDS.

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Gaggles, flats, pubs

SWAPers enjoy working holidays

Ever thought about working overseas? The Student Work Abroad Program can make this a reality, Margot Haldenby of SWAP told a roomful of students Nov. 19.

Last year, 1,800 Canadian students enjoyed "working holidays" in England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and Japan while Canada played host to about 1,000 students from these countries.

England is the most popular program and draws two-thirds of the students, Ms. Haldenby said. One reason is unlimited work visas. Participants can stay for up to two years, and there are many job openings. It also offers the lowest airfare.

The only drawback is the limited number of flats in London, Ms. Haldenby said. "You have to live in gaggles."

MARGOT HELDENBY

NEVER BORED

She recalled visiting a three-bedroom flat in London occupied by 27 people, but said such experiences are worth the trip. "You're never bored in London."

SWAP Britian allows students — affectionately known as SWAPers — to work in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. SWAP Ireland is for the Republic of Ireland and SWAP British Isles combines the two.

In each country, there are different age restrictions, taxation laws and registration fees (which pay for two nights accommodation, a seminar and the work visa).

Students must be Canadian citizens — or a citizen of the country of their choice — have support funds and have an International Student Identity Card. SWAPers are responsible for their own air fare.

NOT MUCH MONEY

It is not a money-making venture; students earn enough to pay the rent, buy food and have a little left over for entertainment. There are 600 pubs in England and one student boasted he had visited them all, Ms. Haldenby said.

Most of the jobs are in service businesses: hotels, pubs and restaurants although one SWAPer got a job "listening to concrete" in New Zealand to test stress in buildings caused by the wind. Another travelled throughout Australia by living on farms while working as a farm hand.

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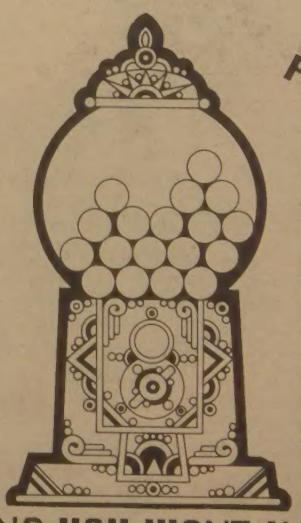
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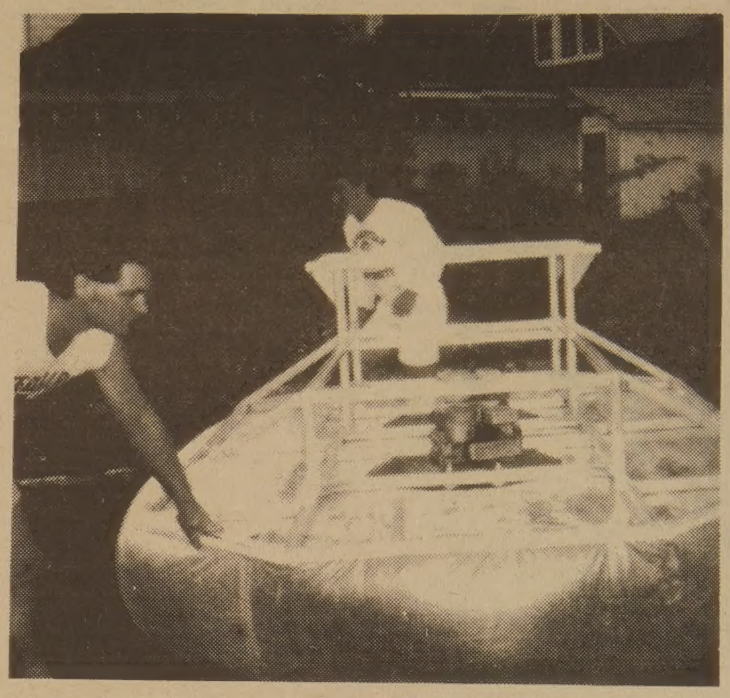
Students, students

More than just a project

By BARBARA HORNING
Staff Writer



Roberto Bianchin, left, and brother Mario, centre check over the hovercraft.

Sitting comfortably, legs spread out in front of him, and hands on the table, 21-year-old Roberto Bianchin, dreams about retiring when he is 40. Right now, though, he is content learning to be a mechanical engineering technologist.

Roberto, now a third-year student, put his hobby and desire to build things to use this summer at his Crystal Beach home creating a "unique" project, a hovercraft.

This is a recreational vehicle which may be enjoyed on land or water, propelled by air blown through a fan at the back of the craft.

He had a project due this year as part of the program requirements. His first thought was to build a lazer.

"I wanted to build something," Roberto said, "but I was not motivated by this, and therefore, just not interested."

Motivated

"I was reading through a magazine and I saw a hovercraft. I just could not keep it off my mind — I got motivated," he said, eyes sparkling with excitemnet.

Modestly, he told how his desire to accomplish a task put him to work on his hovercraft without any lay-out plans or sketches.

Studying from books, magazines and talking with a person who has a hovercraft, Roberto and his natural talent and ambition to "prove himself capable", led to the creation of his hovercraft. An idea into reality!

The first step invloved welding together pieces of aluminum square tubing to form the base and frame of the vehicle. The vehicle's skirt made of a construction tarpaulin was placed on the frame next.

Power

Two 3½-horsepower lawn mower engines supply the power to operate two fans which blow circulationg air which "thrusts" the machine upwards.

The machine which weighs more than 160 pounds lifted itself off the ground when he first tested it, and "I knew I was on the right track," he said.

Roberto has made plans to improve the vehicle, but has not had time lately because of his busy workload.

"I will be pleased, when it is done," Roberto said with a determined look on his face.

During the 300 hundred hours he worked on the project, Roberto's father lent a hand gathering materials and his mother helped sew the skirt.

When Roberto is not fulfilling his desire keeping busy in the shop, he can be found playing football, floor hockey, skiing or listening to music.

Roberto likes to think of himself as a quiet guy who dislikes putting other people down.

Sitting back smiling, he thinks about days of idle pleasure and devoting time to his hobby when he retires at the age of 40.

Idea for tech report while working at GM

By SHARON ANDRES
Staff Writer

A third-year student in the mechanical engineering program who likes challenges has been hired by General Motors to do a study that could result in a design change for the transportation of parts.

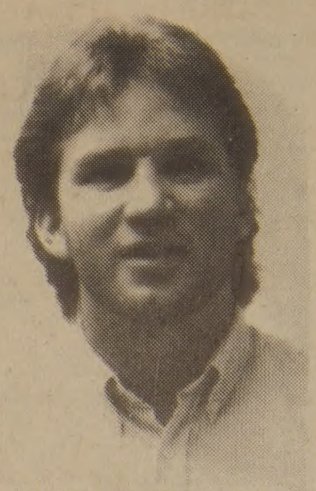
Neil MacDonald, 23, of St. Catharines, plans to eliminate an elevator in the connecting rod line at GM by reversing the direction of the silo to carry the blanchard rotary grinder up to the second machine. A cost study must be submitted before GM engineers can decide whether or not to implement his idea.

Eliminating

Neil worked at GM during the summer where he got the idea of eliminating a useless segment in the transportation system of the connecting rod line.

"I looked at different machines and noticed one machine that could be changed," he said.

The project also serves as Neil's tech report for the three-year mechanical engineering program which is geared towards machine design, numerical control and automated system design.



NEIL MACDONALD

He is going to write his engineer technologist papers and then plans to use his GM project to attain professional status which will bring him more responsibility, higher wages and more challenging jobs.

Neil believes engineering will be interesting because it gives him the opportunity to continually improve machines due to the fast pace of technology.

His tech report will be written so that someone without technological training can understand it, but the appendix will contain terms common to engineers.

$ from pub buys toys

Students are invited to drop off new toys and canned goods in the toy box. These gifts will be donated to Community Christmas Toys, an organization which helps needy families.

A Christmas Toy Drive has been set up in the Student Administrative Council office with proceeds going to the Community Christmas Toys along with money made at the Copperfield's Pub Dec. 2.

A bús will leave at 8 p.m. from the cafeteria to take students to the Copperfields' Pub in St. Catharines.
will be added to the toy drive.

A draw will be made at the pub for next semester's tuition.

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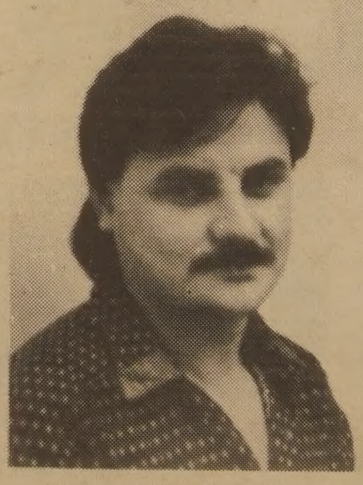
Tech student to bank in Lebanon

By MARGARET BARTLETT
Staff Writer



BASSAM KHODR-ALI

When Bassam Khodr-Ali arrived in northern Ontario from Lebanon in January '86 he did not unpack, because it was 60 degrees below zero and he wanted to return to the sunny climate in Lebanon the next day.

He went to a northern college near Timmins when he arrived but he transferred to Niagara College because of the extreme temperatures there.

Bassam, a 24-year-old second-year mechanical engineering technology student, attributes his success at the college to his teachers and his fellow students.

"It is very different here," he said. "The students and teachers help and because of that, we succeed in the college."

Difficult

When he arrived in Canada he knew how to write English but not how to speak it. "It was fairly difficult at first because of the language but it is easier now."

"I have to read things two or three times with a dictionary beside me and it is difficult to write in English."

"I like it here," he said. "There is a good education system here and very good people; at least we have peace here."

In Lebanon people live the same way as people live here. People can have peaceful lives with no problems, but all Canadians know about Lebanon is news about the war, he said.

Bassam attended the American University of Beirut where he studied English and math. He applied to a foundation for students who wish to study outside Lebanon.

He was given the choice of going to any country in the world that is not communist. He had to sign a contract with the foundation that states he will return to Lebanon when he graduates and that he will not marry or work here.

Sponsored

There are 260 Lebanese students in Canada sponsored by the foundation; there are 12 at the college this year. Two are mechanical engineering technology students and 10 are in the electrical engineering technology.

Lebanon," he said. "But, I like travelling and you are more involved with computers here."

Bassam has a job to go to in Lebanon when he graduates; however, it is not related to his course. He will be an assistant to the owner of the Bank of Brazil in Lebanon.

He likes to study mechanics but he wants to work in business. "I want the diploma for myself; not for work."

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SPORTS

Hey you Condor, let go of me!

Frustration set in as players grappled with one another during the Niagara against Conestoga hockey game last Wednesday night in Kitchener. Both teams played a retaliatory, chippy style of game resulting in numerous penalties. The Condors came out on top by a score of 7-4. Niagara marksmen were Todd Sneider with two goals, with singles going to Neal Krulik and Bill Boreman. The Knights were kept off the score sheet by the Conestoga squad. Players venting their frustrations was a common sight throughout the contest.
Photo by Rob Strohm

Men's volleyball team is looking better

The men's volleyball team has started to show signs of being a competitive Tier II volleyball team.

Last weekend the team went to an exhibition tournament at Durham College in Oshawa, and Ray Sarkis said, "the team showed signs of playing as a team."

The team played six matches, 12 games in all, and compiled a 3-9 record. But coach Sarkis said the record very easily could have been 6-6, as the team lost two close games by scores of 17-15 and 16-14 to Sir Sandford Fleming and St. Lawrence respectively.

The Knights opened the tournament in impressive fashion defeating Redeemer of Hamilton in two straight games by 15-7 and 15-6. "The team was playing really well," Ray said. The more experience we get, the better we will be."

Against Cambrian College, the Knights lost the first game 15-2. It looked as if the Knights were headed for another dismal defeat. But in the second game the momentum took a turn in Niagara's direction and the Knights easily handled the Golden Shields by a score of 15-7.

BUT THEN...

In the second match of the tournament, the Knights ran into the Lancers of Loyalist College. The Knights proved no contest for the Lancers, losing both games, 15-2 and 15-3. "It was like we weren't even on the court," Ray said. "It was the only match of the weekend that I was really disappointed with."

The Knights lost both of their games to the host squad, the Durham Lords, by 15-8 and 15-6. In the final match of the day the Knights played St. Lawrence and lost the opener 15-7. But in the second game the Knights started out on fire opening a 7-0 score. They were later up 11-4, but simply put the game away, eventually losing 16-14.

NOT KILLERS

Ray said, "We don't have the killer instinct we need to put teams away, but that will come, as will everything else, with experience."

He had strong performances from several individual players, but they shone in only one or two games. "When we get strong individual performances from everyone in the same game, then we will be successful."

Paul Blakely had a strong performance on the weekend, especially in the Redeemer game, Ray said. Ken Geyer played really well in the St. Lawrence match" ... and his spirit pumped the guys up."

The team opens its regular season on the weekend at Redeemer College, and will play six two-out-of-three matches. Ray said this will be the most important match so far this year for the team. He feels the players are ready for the test, even though they are not yet near the peak of the season.

Time change in bus trip

The bus for the Buffalo trip to a hockey game will now leave the college at 5:30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. There will be no alcohol allowed on the bus for this trip to the Sabres vs. Oilers game on Nov. 29.

Niagara dominates bonspiel

The Niagara College curling team held its seventh annual bonspiel on the weekend and dominated it with their three entries finishing first, second and third.

Ten rinks entered the bonspiel. The rink skipped by Brian Nagy finished first totaling 191 points. This was Niagara's men's team with a certain twist to it. Pam Godden acted as the lead, sitting in for the absent Peter Campbell. The vice-skip is Paul Gosselin and the second is Jeff Hoover.

Finishing right behind the men was Niagara's mixed rink with 171 points. The team is skipped by Pat Ciantar. The vice-skip is Tracy Rienzo, the second Kelly Lee and the lead Cindy Goulden.

Third-place went to a fill-in rink made up of three Niagara faculty members and Robert Parker, a member of the Niagara curling team.

FEW ENTRIES

The team had to fill in because tournament organizer Bob Young had a hard time getting entries.

"This is the first time we've had a hard time getting entries," he said. Some schools are cutting their curling program because of their budgets."

The third place finishers were skipped by Bill Bender, vice-skip was Dave Taylor and second was Ed Zanetti. The team finished with 137 points.

Mr. Young was pleased with Niagara's performance, but felt a little embarrassed inviting all the teams to the bonspiel and then winning the top three spots.

"I'm really pleased with the performance, particularly the men's. It looks as though we'll be strong in the men's and the mixed divisions this year."

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DARRYL NADEAU

Team hero

Darryl Nadeau has been named intramural athlete of the month for October. Darryl led his intramural football team, the Technobobs, to the intramural football championship after intercepting a pass and scampering 35 yards for the only points of the game.

Darryl, 21, has played intramurals with the Technobobs for three years and said after three years of playing with the same guys "It's easy to know how each player will react in each situation."

Darryl, Student Administrative Council president, is a graduate of Espanola High School in Espanola, Ont., with an honors diploma. He is in his third year at Niagara in the mechanical engineering technology program.

"Being so busy with my third year of school and with SAC, intramurals are a nice change of pace and I'm glad we have them at the school," he said. "They are even nicer when we win."

LARRY BONE

Leader

Larry Bone is the athlete of the month for November. Larry played a key role in leading the Technobobs to their third straight undefeated floor hockey season. Larry scored seven goals in the teams four games and was instrumental in the teams success. He acts as a catalyst for the team and his spirit lifted them to it's biggest successful season.

Larry has played with the Technobobs for the past three years, and has helped the team to each of their last two championships. "When you've got big, strong guys like Roberto and Mario (Bianchin) and fast guys like Guy (DeDonatis) and Randy (Conlon), it's a good mixture, and that makes us a tough team to beat," he said. "We're strong and fast."

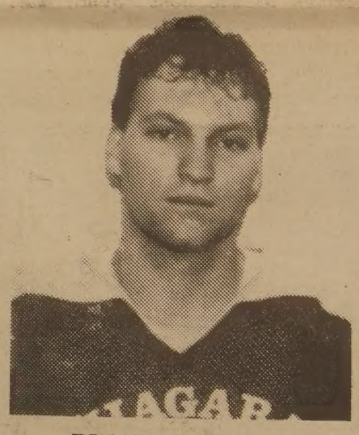
Larry is a grade 13 graduate of the St. Catharines Collegiate High School. In his third year of the mechanical engineering technology program, he has been a member of the Niagara College varsity basketball team for the past two tears, and the tennis team this year.

ADRIAN VINEY

Top stroke

The varsity athlete of October is Adrian Viney. Adrian led the Niagara golf team to a fifth place finish at the provincial championships on Oct. 1 and 2.

It was Niagara's best finish in five years. Adrian finished tied for first in the individual standings but lost to Gabe Rapini of Seneca in a one-hole playoff.



BLAKE SAWYER

He's hot

Blake Sawyer of the Niagara Knights Hockey Club has been chosen as athlete of the month for November. Blake is a centre on the Knights and has scored nine goals and assisted on seven others for a 16-point total in five games.

Blake is a third-year marketing student who hopes to get a management position in a marketing firm and someday manage his own business.

The 21-year-old St.Catharines native has played 12 years of organized hockey, the last four have been with the St. Catharines Falcons Jr. B. Team.

Blake believes the Knights have the potential to be a strong team but have to stop making the small mental mistakes that are proving costly during a game.

Attention

Athletes of the month, both intramural and varsity are carefully chosen by Niagara News Sports staff. The Niagara News will keep running "Athlete of the month" for the remainder of the year, and December's athlete will appear in the Jan. 15 edition of the Niagara News.

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SPORTS

3rd Period Knights' nemesis

By ROB STROHM
Staff Writer

If a hockey game was only two periods long, the Niagara men's hockey team might have a record of 5-0 instead of 2-3 with their latest loss coming at the hands of the Erie Community Kats on Wednesday night.

The Knights, losers by 7-3, again were unable to maintain a pace with their opponent during the third period because of a lack of stamina, coach Fred Bassi said.

"The three losses we have are all because we blew it in the third period,' he said.

"We're in a slump right now, and the team's consensus is we need team unity at practices to get the team rolling."

The contest started out with neither team giving each other any skating room with most of the play occurring between the blue lines. Erie opened the scoring at 8:15 of the period with a power play marker.

HAD CHANCES

The Knights did have chances to even the score and also go ahead but because of Erie goalie Mike Galanti, this did not happen.

Nearing the end of the period, Niagara centre Blake Sawyer broke in all alone on Galanti and was stymied by the netminder when trying to deke. A minute later Nick Minken found himself alone on a break but his attempt was also thwarted by the Kat goaltender.

Niagara's Pat Flynn converted a Blake Sawyer pass for the tying goal at 3:58 of the second period. Jim Darling, making his first start of the season for the Knights, made three key saves in this period to keep the game close. Blake Sawyer put the Knights ahead with five minutes left in the period but Erie came back with two of their own to take a 3-2 lead into the dressing room.

The dreaded third period had arrived and no sooner had it begun before Erie upped the score to 4-2. Within minutes the Kats were mauling the Knight defence and were rewarded with two more goals and a 6-2 lead. The Niagara squad had little if any desire left in them and a comeback looked less than promising.

Blake Sawyer scored his second goal of the night to make it 6-3 but Erie rounded out the scoring four minutes later.

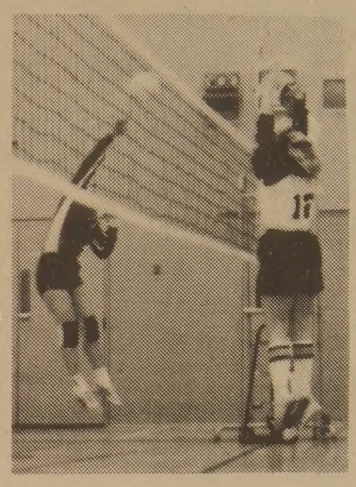
PUT ON PRESSURE

Coach Bassi said he told his team between the second and third periods to pressure the Kat defence; but, as the score shows, they were unable to do so.

"After those first two goals in the third, we became very frustrated," he said. "We're going to have to make adjustments."

Newcomer Jim Darling said he thinks the team needs to be a little stronger on their own blue line to try to get out of this slump. "Hopefully, our bad games are out of our sysytem and we can come back hard against Buff. St.," he said.

With a break coming up after their Dec. 11 contest against Buff. St. in Cheektowaga, the Knights will have ample time to make adjustments to live up to what coach Bassi describes as his "second semester team."



Determined v-ball team

Niagara Knights women's volleyball team thrust a strong competition upon their opponents in exhibition play on Nov. 14, but it wasn't enough to pull them through to win.

Under the pressure of living up to their successful debut at their last tournament, the Knights got off to a slow start but put out a determined effort at Trent university in Peterborough where the tournament was held.

"I think they let their nerves take over. They have to learn to shake the first game jitters," coach Judy Halaiko said of the first match against George Brown.

FOUGHT BACK

The Redeemer Royals quickly stole the serve from Niagara and dashed ahead 14-2. Niagara shook off the first game and regained their winning spirit. They fought their way back up to a 14-9 score but the Royals early lead proved advantageous in giving them victory.

In the second game of the match, the team slipped back and it affected their game by letting the Royals experience take over and defeat them 15-2.

"One thing that I am proud of is that we didn't resort to garbage ball. That's what happens with a lot of teams," Judy said. "Everybody did a few good moves and a few lousy moves, but we stuck to playing volleyball."

The first two matches were disappointing, but Niagara was even more set to show just how good they are. When facing the Algonquin Caats, from Nepean, both their spirit and determination allowed them to keep closer games and offer a rigid competition.

This teamwork proved it worked as Niagara redeemed their pride and kept closer scores of 15-12 in both games of the third match. Unfortunately, they let it slip away and went on to lose the final match against the Sheridan Lady Bruins.

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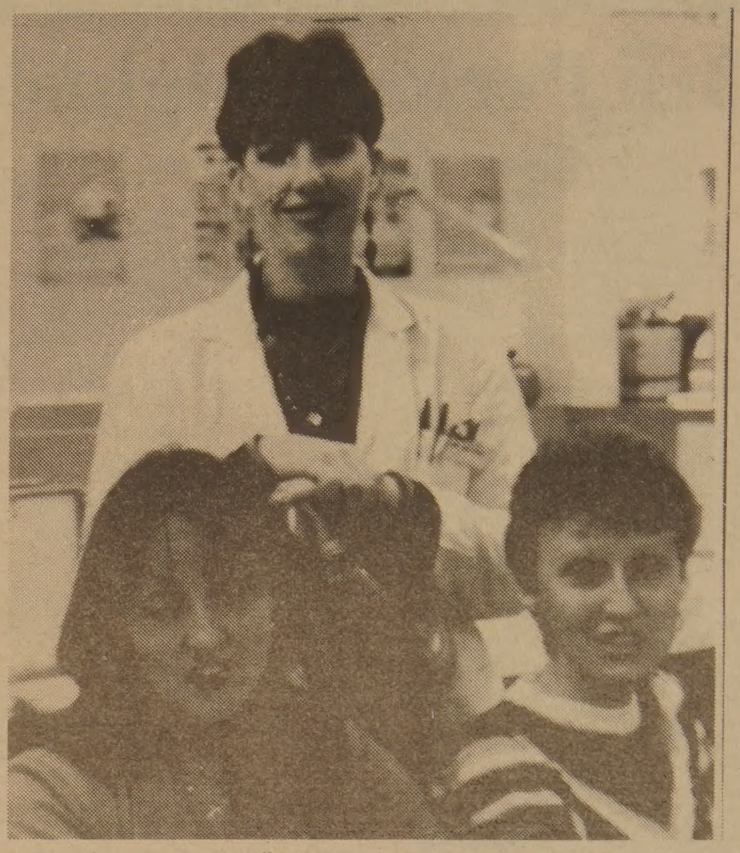
Alumni are three new faces in college dental program

By BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer



When people think of the dentist's office, they think of pain! But behind those masks and gloves are highly trained professionals.

The dental program has acquired three new full-time staff who have one thing in common. Marilyn Goulding, Carol Barr-Overholt, and Jo Szabo are all alumni.

Mrs. Goulding graduated from the dental assistant program in 1972. She recognizes that a lot of the dental students are under extreme pressure. Because their schedules are so "crammed" they have to sacrifice a lot on any social activities the college has to offer. "This (hygiene) is a two-year course crammed into one."

She decided to enter teaching after teaching a "freelance" seminar which made her realize that teaching was in line with her personality. She has a compelling desire to instil the finer points of the profession into new graduates.

Being back at the college "brings back memories of your school days." It is also a pleasure to work with professional people.

Mrs. Barr-Overholt who graduated from the dental program in 1979 finds the college program one of the most "efficiently, professionally, progressively" run programs she has ever experienced. The instructors' main concern is the student.

Students in the program in the program are "very bright." Because the program is so intense, often they must contribute extracurricular hours to course-related work.

She would like to see graduates leave the program with a quality education. "I hope by working with them that they gain confidence in themselves."

Mrs. Szabo is not really a new face to the college. She previously worked here part-time. She graduated from the dental assistant program in 1979.

As the clinical technician, she works with students during clinical hours, but her position also brings her into contact with the public. The public are very appreciative about the "care and time" as well as the savings the clinic has to offer.

She hopes the student will build upon their clinical management to bring it to a point where they may function with a sense of pride and excellence.

Confusing brochures

Do you find Niagara College financial aid brochures understandable? precise? easy to read? "Confused or frustrated?... Help is on the way."

Elaine Spark, financial aid administrator, is requesting about 10 student volunteers to examine material sent to them prepared by the office.

"I want their help to make it better for them," Mrs. Spark said. "With help of these students, we can help each other."

"The object of this exercise is to ensure that students understand what they read," she said in a press release.

Many students who receive financial aid brochures most importantly — OSAP forms — do not read the information because they cannot, or do not, understand it, she said.

"Basically, I want students to review information sent out to them, pay attention and repect it." Their perspective is important, so we can see what is required for students to understand.

Volunteers may sign up in the Financial Aid Office, H25B,by Dec. ll. Two or three sesions will be required by Jan. 30

"The office will accept the first 10, most serious-minded students who volunteer."

Robotics teacher Nick Ciolfi shows a new hydraulic robot to Daryl Nadeau, Student Administrative Council president. The college received a $22,000 grant to help fund the $62,000 robot. The new addition completes the familly; the robotics lab now has pneumatic, electronic and a hydralic robot. Photo by Margaret Bartlett

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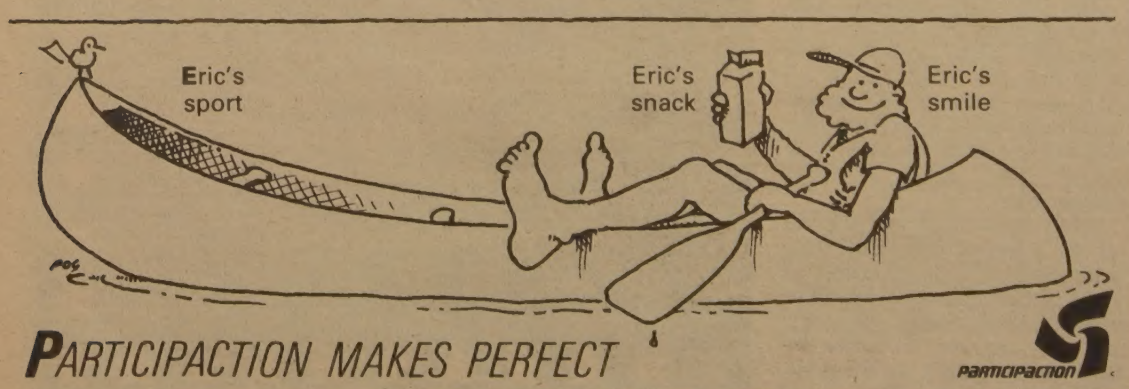

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